

Application No. 10/...8,080
Amdt. dated February 20, 2006
Reply to Office Action of October 18, 2005
and Advisory Action of February 3, 2006

Amendments to the Drawings:

The Examiner indicates in paragraph 2 of the Office Action dated October 18, 2005, that no replacement drawings for Figs. 1 and 2 were found accompanying the Preliminary Amendment dated January 28, 2004. Therefore, replacement sheets with the amended drawings are now attached. These sheets, which include Figs. 1 and 2, replace the original sheets that included Figs. 1 and 2. Reference numeral 23 was added to both Figs. 1 and 2. The amendment to Fig. 2 also corrects a minor typographical error by renumbering the block originally incorrectly labeled 20 and located in the path of line 40, to the proper reference numeral 60.

Attachment: Replacement sheets (Figs. 1 and 2)

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is filed in response to the outstanding Office Action dated October 18, 2005, and to the Advisory Action dated February 3, 2006. All rejected claims (Claims 1-3, 6 - 8, 11 - 13, 17, and 18) have been cancelled. Claims 4, 5, 9, 10, and 14 - 16 remain pending in the application, of which Claims 4, 5, 9, 10, 14, 15, and 16 are now independent claims. Thus all claims which were objected to (Claims 4, 5, 9, 10, 14, and 15) are either now written in independent form, including all the limitations of the previously rejected base claims and any intervening claims, or depend from such rewritten claims.

The Advisory Action of February 3, 2006, indicated that the Amendment mailed January 16, 2006, was not entered. Accordingly, the following amendments arguments, copied from the earlier Amendment, are re-presented with respect to the claims which remain pending. Additionally, the amendments to the Drawings are represented.

Claims 1, 2, and 3

Claims 1, 2, and 3 have been cancelled.

Claims 4 and 5

In paragraph 12 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that Claims 4 and 5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have done so, and request allowance of these claims.

Claims 6- 8

Claims 6 - 8 have been cancelled.

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Claims 9 and 10

In paragraph 12 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that Claims 9 and 10 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have done so, and request allowance of these claims.

Claims 11- 13

Claims 11 - 13 have been cancelled.

Claims 14 and 15

In paragraph 12 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that Claims 14 and 15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants have done so, and request allowance of these claims.

Claim 16

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating in paragraph 13 of the Office Action that Claim 16 has been allowed.

Claims 17 and 18

Claims 17 and 18 have been cancelled.

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Concluding Remarks

In view of these amendments and remarks, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, and early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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